

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: H-0045 CH-635

Address: Culvert on Washington Avenue, north of Sharon Avenue, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Charles County

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: 23

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The culvert on Washington Avenue, north of Sharon Avenue, is constructed of a concrete abutment, channel, and parapet wall. The parapet wall is articulated by a single etched rectangular block, a concrete base, and a concrete cap.

This culvert has not been assigned a structure number by Charles County because it does not meet their minimum size requirement.

The increase in population and development in Southern Maryland after the first quarter of the 20th century required the improvement of existing roadways and the introduction of new routes. The extension of the Crain Highway to the Potomac and the completion of the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge spanning the Potomac River Bridge near Pope's Creek in 1940 served to link Charles County with transportation networks from Florida to New York. This, in turn, brought more development and suburbanization to the area surrounding La Plata. In response to the increased traffic, the State Roads Commission began widening the Crain Highway as part of the U.S. 301 project in the late 1950s. Dualization of the roadway consisted of constructing two additional lanes while the earlier two lanes

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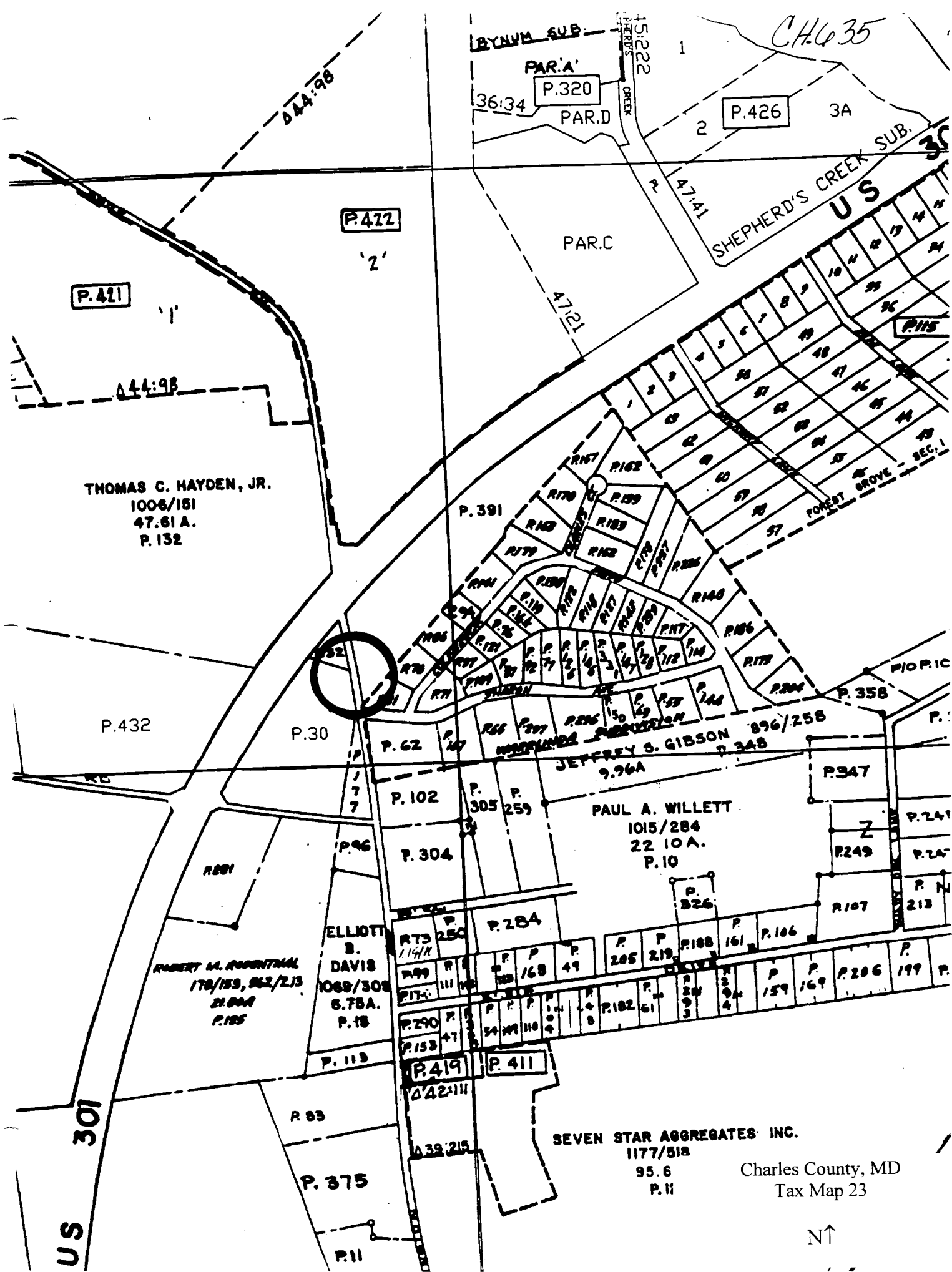
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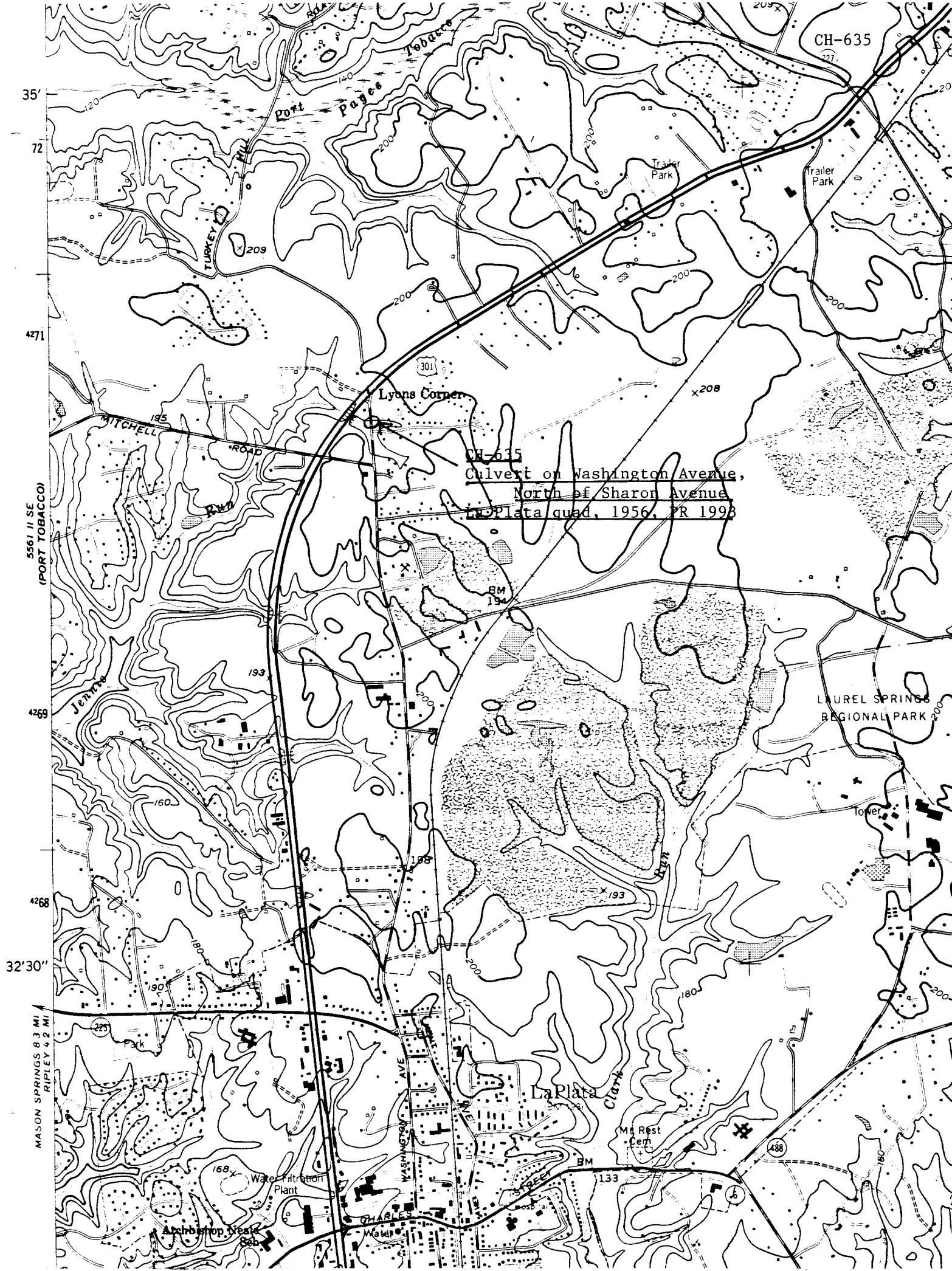
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remained to carry traffic in the opposite direction. Use of U.S. 301 for commercial traffic declined when Interstate 95 was completed in the late 1960s.

Built circa 1940, this concrete culvert is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of roadway improvements surrounding La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.





CH-635

35'

72

4271

5561 II SE
(PORT TOBACCO)

4269

4268

32'30"

MASON SPRINGS 8.3 MI
RIPLEY 4.2 MI

Lyons Corner

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Culvert on Washington Avenue,
North of Sharon Avenue,
LaPlata quad, 1956, PR 1998

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LAUREL SPRINGS
REGIONAL PARK

LaPlata

Clark

Mt Rest
Cem

BM

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Water Filtration
Plant

Archbishop Neale
Cem

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Culvert on Washington Avenue, north
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View looking Northeast

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